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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3353rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 March 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "The situation in Afghanistan", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council deeply regrets that the food blockade imposed on Kabul continues. This situation is increasing the hardships of the population in all sectors of the capital, since the humanitarian aid that has so far been provided has not alleviated substantially the plight of hundreds of thousands of the city's starving inhabitants.

"The Council continues to believe that the seriousness of the humanitarian situation is entirely due to the ongoing fighting in Afghanistan, and calls for its immediate cessation. This fighting has been the cause of the suffering of the Afghan population and of repeated interruptions in the delivery of humanitarian aid in that country.

"The Council therefore calls for an immediate end to the obstacles to the passage of humanitarian aid in order to ensure that future supplies are distributed without hindrance to the whole of the population. In this regard, the Council expresses its appreciation to the countries in the region for facilitating efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to Kabul and other provinces of the country. Furthermore, the Council calls upon the international community to extend urgent humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan in order to alleviate the suffering of the Afghan people.

"The Council stresses the importance that it attaches to full compliance with international humanitarian law in all its aspects and recalls that those who violate international humanitarian law bear individual responsibility.

"The Council welcomes the Secretary-General's appointment of a special mission to Afghanistan, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/208. This mission will canvass a broad spectrum of Afghanistan's leaders to solicit their views on how the United Nations can best assist Afghanistan in facilitating national rapprochement and reconstruction.

"The Council supports this mission, which is due to leave Geneva soon, and urges all Afghans to assist it in carrying out its mandate and thus promote a cessation of hostilities, the resumption of humanitarian aid and the restoration of peace in Afghanistan."

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3357th meeting of the Security Council, held on 31 March 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Note by the Secretary-General (S/1994/254), Note by the Secretary-General (S/1994/322)", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls the statement made by the President of the Council on 8 April 1993 (S/25562) and its relevant resolution.

"The Council reaffirms the critical importance of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards in the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty) and the contribution which progress in non-proliferation makes to the maintenance of international peace and security.

"The Council notes with deep appreciation the efforts of the Director General of the IAEA and the Agency to implement the IAEA-Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) safeguards agreement (INFCIRC/403)

"The Council reaffirms the importance of the joint declaration by the DPRK and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, and of the parties to the declaration addressing the nuclear issue in their continuing dialogue.

"The Council welcomes the joint statement of the DPRK and the United States (U.S.) of 11 June 1993, which included the DPRK's decision to suspend the effectuation of its withdrawal from the Treaty, and the understanding reached between the DPRK and the U.S. in Geneva in July 1993, and the progress achieved on that basis.

"The Council welcomes also the agreements reached in February 1994 between the IAEA and DPRK, and between the DPRK and the U.S.

"The Council takes note that the DPRK has accepted in principle IAEA inspections at its seven declared sites, following its decision to suspend its withdrawal from the Treaty on 11 June 1993, and the Statement by the General Department of Atomic Energy of the DPRK (S/1994/319).

"The Council takes note also of the IAEA Board of Governors' findings concerning the matter of compliance and the IAEA Director General's report to the Security Council of 22 March 1994 (S/1994/322), and expresses its concern that the IAEA is, therefore, unable to draw conclusions as to whether there has been either diversion of nuclear material or reprocessing or other operations.

"The Council calls upon the DPRK to allow the IAEA inspectors to complete the inspection activities agreed between the IAEA and DPRK on 15 February 1994, as a step in fulfilling its obligations under the IAEA-DPRK safeguards agreement and in honouring non-proliferation obligations of the Treaty.

"The Council invites the Director General of the IAEA to report further to the Security Council on the question of completion of the inspection activities agreed between the IAEA and the DPRK on 15 February 1994 when the Director General is scheduled to report on the follow-on inspections required to maintain continuity of safeguards and to verify that there has been no diversion of nuclear material required to be safeguarded, as noted in the Director General's report to the Council (S/1994/322).

"The Council requests the DPRK and ROK to renew discussions whose purpose is implementation of the Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

"The Council appeals to those Member States engaged in dialogue with the DPRK to continue that dialogue in accordance with the agreement reached on 25 February 1994.

"The Council decides to remain actively seized of the matter and that further Security Council consideration will take place if necessary in order to achieve full implementation of the IAEA-DPRK safeguards agreement."